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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified case and in response to the September 12, 2001 Office Action, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments and remarks be entered.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 27 as follows:

27. (Amended) The method of claim 28 wherein the test compound is a protein.

REMARKS

The Office Action has rejected claim 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and claims 27 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). In light of the amendment above and the argument below, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

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